(d) if so, how Government propose to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) As per the latest estimates of poverty for 1993-94 by the Planning Commission, 37.27% of the population in rural areas is below poverty line.

(b)Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) and National Social Assistance Programme are the major ongoing schemes in rural areas of the country;

(c)No, Sir.

(d)Government is constantly endeavouring to improve the effectiveness of the programmes for rural development.

Development of rural infrastructure

2258. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main fields where the Ministry of Rural Development is working for rural development;

(b) the Government's plan to develop rural infrastructure; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to develop agriculture and industry in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Rural poverty alleviation, Wasteland development and Rural drinking water supply and sanitation are the main fields where the Ministry of Rural Development is working for rural development.

(b)Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Watershed developments projects being implemented by the Ministry would help, inter alia, to develop rural infrastructure.

(c)Yes, Sir.

Poor implementation of land.consolidation cases

2259. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of poor implementation of Land Consolidation Cases in States;